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FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PFOR MILI MO US  
SUBJECT: US MILITARY FACILITIES IN MOROCCO

REF: STATE 051623

1. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN  
REFTEL. OUR COMMENTS FOLLOW:

2. OUR VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF CONTINUING TO OPERATE  
THE COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL ARE WELL KNOWN AND I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE  
SUPPORTED THIS VIEW WITH DOD. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT A POSITIVE  
DECISION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN IN TIME FOR ME TO INCLUDE IT IN OUR  
AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE KING. AS THINGS NOW STAND, HE WILL IN  
ESSENCE BE TOLD THAT WE ARE PULLING COMPLETELY OUT OF KENITRA,  
INCLUDING THE COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL, AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO  
PUT IN A GEODSS STATION AT NO COST TO US.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO DEPRIVE OURSELVES OF NEGOTIATING  
LEVERAGE, I AM RELUCTANT TO RAISE THE MATTER OF SELLING PROPERTY  
TO THE GOM THAT WE WILL BE LEAVING BEHIND ANYWAY, NAMELY THE  
BUILDINGS. I PLAN TO FUDGE THIS IN TALKING WITH THE KING, AND  
TRUST THAT THERE WILL BE NO INSISTENCE ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH  
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ITEMS AS PERMANENTLY INSTALLED RESIDENCES. GIVEN THE FACT THAT  
WE HAVE HAD A RENT FREE SITUATION AT KENITRA SINCE 1944, THE  
MOROCCANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESENT OUR ASKING THEM TO PAY  
FOR BUILDINGS WE LEAVE BEHIND.

4. I WOULD LIKE SOME HELP IN UNDERSTANDING JUST WHAT CONCRETE  
BENEFITS THE GOM COULD EXPECT TO DERIVE FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE

GEODSS FACILITY. BOTH REFTEL AND EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS (76 STATE 088648) MENTION INFORMATION AND DATA SHARING IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS, BUT WE HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS MIGHT TRANSLATE HERE, WHERE THE SCIENCE OF THE HEAVENS IS LARGELY RESTRICTED TO THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS. IN SHORT, I SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TELL THE KING IN SPECIFIC TERMS HOW GEODSS CAN BENEFIT HIS COUNTRY.

5. FINALLY, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE.

A. CHANGE ANSWER TO SECOND QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: DELETE PHRASE AT END, "IF THEY WISHED TO DO SO."

B. CHANGE ANSWER TO THIRD QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: "DEFINITELY NOT. WE HAVE HAD VERY FRIENDLY UNBROKEN RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO FOR 200 YEARS AND THEY CONTINUE TO BE CLOSE. THIS CHANGE IS BEING MADE IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT."

C. CHANGE ANSWER TO FOURTH QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: "NO. WERE THERE TO BE ANY SUCH NEED IN THE FUTURE, NATURALLY WE WOULD SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT, AND CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS, AS WE ARE IN THIS CASE."

6. IN VIEW OF MY PENDING REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH KING HASSAN REQUEST REPLY SOONEST TO PARAS 4 AND 5 ABOVE.  
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